

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1 and 3 – 14.

Claim 5 is amended to refer back to the SF₆/N₂ mixture recited in claim 1, per the Examiner's suggestion.

Claim 14 is amended to be a system claim and to recite a structure capable of performing a discharge, per the Examiner's suggestion. Support for the amendment to claim 14 can be found, for example, at page 7, lines 19 – 21 and in the drawing figure (reference numeral 10).

Based on the amendments to claims 5 and 14, the rejections under 35 USC 112 are respectfully traversed.


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt, favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #037110.50483US).

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